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CHILD CARE

City of Boston/Office of Community Partnerships/Office for Children and Families & Boston Connects, Inc. (The Empowerment Zone) Boston Child Care Quality Improvement Fund

Program: Projects should enhance program quality in the areas of Accreditation, Staff Training, Parent Engagement and Moveable Equipment.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$4500.

Deadline: May 22, 2002 2:00 P.M.

Eligible: Licensed family child care providers, not for profit child care centers, Head Start Programs, and Preschools in Boston

Info: Office of Community Partnerships, Office for Children and Families, 43 Hawkins Street, 3B, Boston, MA 02118, Phone: (617) 635-2130, Email: children@cityofboston.gov, Link: www.cityofboston.gov/communitypartnerships/ocf.asp Note: Call for more information or to get on the mailing list to receive an application. Applications can also be emailed to you, or downloaded from the internet after April 1, 2002.

Optional Information Sessions

Learn more about this opportunity and the new Quality Improvement Fund Advisor Program. Space is limited. You must RSVP to Office for Children and Families by 4/3/01.

✓ Thursday, April 4, 2002, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.. BRA Board Room #900, Boston City Hall, MBTA: Government Center

✓ *Saturday, April 6, 2002, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M., Parker Hill Branch Library, 1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury, MBTA: Roxbury Crossing*

DISABILITY

Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families Request for Applications To Fund Family Support Model Demonstration Projects Under the Projects of National Significance Program

Program Announcement No. 93631-02-01

- Program:** Funds will support projects of national significance that support the development of national and state policies that reinforce and promote the self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life of individuals with developmental disabilities through family support activities, data collection and analysis, technical assistance to entities that provide family support and data collection activities and other projects of sufficient size and scope that hold promise to expand or improve opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Funds:** Subject to the availability of funding, ADD intends to award new grants resulting from this announcement during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2002. Grantees must match \$1 for every \$3 requested in Federal funding to reach 25% of the total approved cost of the project.
- Deadline:** May 28, 2002.
- Eligible:** Only public or non-profit private entities, not individuals, are eligible to apply under this announcement. All applications developed jointly by more than one agency or organization must identify only one organization as the lead organization and the official applicant. The other participating agencies and organizations can be included as co-participants, subgrantees or subcontractors.
- Info:** Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Joan Rucker, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Mail Stop 300-F, Washington, DC, 20447, Phone: 202/ 690-7898; Email: add@acf.dhhs.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-7213-filed
- FR:** 3/26 13775-13786

Massachusetts Commission For The Blind Comprehensive Residential Rehabilitation

- Program:** The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) has as its primary mission the charge to address and ameliorate the conditions associated with blindness experienced by the Commonwealth's legally blind residents. To this end, the Commission is seeking proposals from qualified vendors with the organizational capacity to provide a substantially integrated set of specialty rehabilitation services on behalf of between 800 - 1000 MCB-referred consumers each year.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$10,000,000.
- Deadline:** May 2, 2002.

Eligible: See RFR.
Info: Robert Dowling , Deputy Comm. Community Svs , 88 Kingston Street, Boston, MA 02111 – 2227, Phone: 617-626-7505, Fax: 617-626-7685, Email: Bob.Dowling@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013202&dept_code=&cp_xx=

EDUCATION

ACT Inc.

ACT Awards Program

Program: ACT Inc., a nonprofit group best known for the ACT college admissions test, offers awards to support demonstration programs, research studies and evaluation projects that support the achievement of at-risk students.

Funds: ACT offers between four and six awards each year with a total value of \$50,000. While most awards do not exceed \$8,000–\$10,000, no ceiling is set on the amount of an award that an exceptional proposal might receive.

Deadline: May 15, 2002.

Info: ACT, Director of Policy Research, Phone: (319) 337-1293; E-mail: noethr@act.org, Link: <http://www.act.org/research/awards/index.html>

Department Of Education

Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP)

Program: The Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) is intended to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science through partnerships of organizations providing education from pre-kindergarten through postsecondary schooling. The MSP is a jointly funded initiative supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department.

Funds: Estimated Available Funds: \$12,500,000.
Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000-\$1,500,000 per year for up to 5 years.
Estimated Average Size: \$700,000 per year.
Estimated Number of Awards: 10-20.

Deadline: April 30, 2002.

Eligible: Partnerships must comprise, at minimum, a State educational agency (SEA), a mathematics, science, or engineering department of an institution of higher education (IHE), and a high-need local educational agency (LEA).

Info: Alexis Radocaj, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5W234, FOB6, Washington, DC 20202-6175, Phone: (202) 401-0821, Fax: (202) 260-3420, Email: Alexis.Radocaj@ed.gov, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-7644.txt>

FR: 3/29 15187-15190

Massachusetts Department of Education

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Program: The purpose of this federal program is to help families overcome intergenerational cycles of illiteracy and poverty by providing integrated early childhood education, adult literacy, and parenting education in a unified family literacy program.

Even Start Family Literacy Programs build on existing community resources of high quality to create *intensive* family literacy services. These services are provided to families on a voluntary basis that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family, and that integrate all of the following activities:

- ✓ Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children;
- ✓ Training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children;
- ✓ Parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency; and
- ✓ An age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences.

Funds: A total of \$2.3 million is available. The funding range is from \$75,000 to \$180,000. Eighth year programs may apply at a minimum of \$52,500.

Deadline: Letter of Intent: May 30, 2002.

Full proposal: July 1, 2002.

Eligible: A minimum of two agencies needs to establish a partnership that has joint responsibility for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project. An eligible applicant is the partnership between the following:

- ✓ A school district; and
- ✓ A nonprofit community-based organization, a public agency other than a school district, an institution of higher education, or a public or private nonprofit organization (other than a school district).

Only one application per community will be accepted with the exception of Boston. (In order to address the broad needs of Boston, more than one proposal may be submitted and up to one program may be funded.)

Info: Arlene Dale, Even Start State Coordinator, Phone: 781.338-3878, Link:

<http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/grants/>

An RFP training session will be held on April 11 from 9:30 to 2:30pm at the Devens Conference Center in Devens, MA. Register (by April 5) by contacting Fabio Scarcelli at 781.338.3849.

NEA Foundation

Improvement of Education (NFIE)

Program: NFIE grants provide opportunities for teachers, education support professionals, and higher

education faculty and staff to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth. NFIE grants also fund innovations that significantly improve achievement and close the achievement gap for underserved learners. The structure of the grants provides educators with opportunities for collegial reflection about their experiences.

- Funds:**
- ✓ *Learning & Leadership Grants:* The grant amount is \$1,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a study group. The NEA Foundation will award up to 75 grants per year.
 - ✓ *Innovation Grants:* The grant amount is \$2,000. The NEA Foundation will award up to 250 grants per year.
- Deadline:** Rolling.
- Eligible:** Applicants must be practicing US public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or higher education faculty and staff at public colleges and universities. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association.
- Info:** The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education, 1201 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036, Phone: 202.822.7840, Fax: 202.822.7779, Link: <http://www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm>

Partners in Education and the SBC Foundation

2002 National Telecommunications Partnership Awards

- Program:** This year's award will honor partnerships that successfully help teachers fully integrate technology to substantially change the way teaching and learning takes place
- Funds:**
- ✓ Two Grand Prize awards of \$10,000 each;
 - ✓ One Gold Award of \$5,000;
 - ✓ 10 Honorable Mentions of \$500 each.
- Deadline:** June 17, 2002.
- Eligible:**
- ✓ Partnerships between or among schools, school districts, businesses, community-based organizations, and/or institutions of higher education.
 - ✓ Partnerships that have been operating for a minimum of one year and have demonstrated results.
- Info:** Phone: 703.836.4880, Link: <http://www.partnersineducation.org/>

Verizon Foundation

Education Grants to Massachusetts Nonprofit Groups

- Program:** The Verizon Foundation is pleased to announce the 2002 Massachusetts EdLink Awards competition that supports innovative school-to-career programs developed by school-community partnerships, as well as by individual classroom teachers. In particular, EdLink 2002 seeks proposals that build linkages between classroom instruction and workplace or community-based learning opportunities for students in grades 7-12.

Partnership Awards: This grant category will fund projects that focus on large-scale collaborations between a minimum of two groups that may include, but are not limited to, school

districts, school-to-career partnerships, eligible non-profit and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and employer associations. Collaborating organizations are expected to participate fully in the implementation of the project. The maximum grant award in this category is \$40,000 per funded proposal.

Individual Teacher Awards: This grant category will fund projects that are proposed by individual teachers or teams of teachers who seek to develop a specific project, activity or work-based learning opportunity that benefits classroom instruction. The maximum grant award in this category is \$10,000 per funded proposal.

Funds: Total funds available: \$500,000.

Deadline: Letter of intent: April 5, 2002.

Full proposal: April 26, 2002.

Eligible: Massachusetts public and private schools, public or private colleges, universities, not-for-profit organizations, and school-to-career partnerships [qualified 501(c)(3) or 509(a) (1, 2, or 3) organizations] may apply for the awards. Program activity must target students and teachers in grades 7-12.

Info: Phone: (617) 743-5998, Email: edlink@verizon.com, Link:

http://foundation.verizon.com/cybergrants/plsql/newsroom.story?x_language_flag=EN&x_news_id=722

American School Board Journal

The Magna Awards

Program: The Magna Awards recognize school districts across the country for outstanding programs that advance student learning and encourage community involvement in schools.

Funds: Grand Prize (1): \$2,500.

Citation Winners (2): \$1,000.

Deadline: October 31, 2002.

Eligible: Programs should be:

Developed or actively supported by the school board;

The result of appropriate board involvement;

Important in promoting the district's mission and advancing student learning;

Capable of being replicated by other school boards with similar conditions and resources;

The result of collaboration between the school board and others;

Successful in view of the program's primary objectives.

Info: Phone: 703.838.6739, Link: <http://www.asbj.com/magna/index.html>

Department of Education

Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs

Program: The purpose of this program is to focus Federal financial assistance on establishing and expanding elementary school counseling programs.

Funds: Total funds available: \$2.3 million.

Estimated number of awards: 7.
Maximum grant award: \$400,000 (for each year of funding).
Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$335,000.

Deadline: May 13, 2002.
Eligible: Local educational agencies (LEAs).
Info: Loretta McDaniel, U.S. Department of Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E220, Washington, DC 20202-6123, Phone: (202) 260-2661, Email: loretta.mcdaniel@ed.gov, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-7474.txt>
FR: 3/28 15047-15050

ELDERLY

Department of Health and Human Services/Administration on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol Projects

Program: The purpose of these projects is to test the best ways of using the skills of retired nurses, doctors, accountants and other professionals to train seniors to serve as expert resources to detect and stop health care error, fraud and abuse.

Funds: Maximum grant award: \$160,000.
Total number of awards: 33.

Deadline: May 3, 2002.

Eligible: Public state and local agencies or nonprofit agencies, organizations and institutions.

Info: Doris Summey or Barbara Lewis, at (202) 619-3775 or (202) 619-1351.
Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-6618.txt>

FR: 3/19 12569-12570

Department of Health And Human Services/Administration on Aging National Family Caregiver Support Program

Program: The purpose of these projects is to develop services and systems to sustain the efforts of families and other informal caregivers of older individuals, and grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers of children.

Funds: Range of grant awards: \$150,000 - \$200,000
Number of grant awards: 7.

Deadline: May 10, 2002.

Eligible: Organizations with demonstrated expertise in aging and caregiving and the ability to provide the proposed assistance nationwide. Public and private non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, are eligible to apply for these grant awards.

Info: Application kits are available by writing to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office for Community-Based Services, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, by calling 202/619-2575, or online at www.aoa.gov/egrants/. Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-6619.txt>

FR: 3/19 12569

AARP Andrus Foundation

Aging Issues Grants

- Program:** Grants are available for research, dissemination, and education and training programs designed to promote the independence of older persons. Funding is focused on two priority-funding areas: Living with Chronic Health Conditions and Aging and Living Environments.
- Funds:** Varies. (Usually less than \$100,000.)
- Deadline:** July 1, 2002.
- Eligible:** Colleges, universities, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. There are no geographical limits on grants.
- Info:** AARP Andrus Foundation, Phone: (800) 775-6776; E-mail: andrus@aarp.org, Link: <http://www.andrus.org/>

Corporation for National and Community Service

Grants to Support New Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Projects

- Program:** *Senior Companion Projects: The Senior Companion Program*
The Senior Companion Program (SCP) is authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service to provide opportunities for income eligible individuals 60 years of age and over to serve adults with special needs. The SCP was launched in 1974 with its first 11 projects. Today there are over 17,000 Senior Companions serving 55,000 frail adults annually in 218 local SCP projects. These Senior Companions provide high quality and reliable personal support to adults, primarily the frail elderly, experiencing difficulties with activities of daily living, allowing them to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. The SCP focuses on those with moderate physical, mental, or emotional impairments who are without adequate family support and who in the absence of non-medical support services would be at risk of institutionalization. Senior Companions also assist clients in patient discharge programs at acute care, mental health, and long- term care facilities to make the transition to living in less restrictive community settings.

Foster Grandparent Projects

The Foster Grandparent Program provides communities with valuable service by empowering older adults to contribute to their communities through volunteer service, enhance the lives of the volunteers and those whom they serve. The program began in 1965 as a national demonstration designed to show how low-income persons age 60 and over have the maturity and experience to establish a personal relationship with children having either special or exceptional needs. Today there are 34,000 Foster Grandparents providing care and attention every day to more than 220,000 qualified children and youth annually in 339 local FGP projects. Foster Grandparents volunteer in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and Head Start and day care centers.

- Funds:** *Foster Grandparent Projects*
Average grant award: \$192,265.
The Senior Companion Program

Average grant award: \$211,825.

Deadline: May 31, 2002.

Eligible: Public agencies (including state and local agencies and other units of government), non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. Sponsors of Foster Grandparent projects that receive no funds from the Corporation, other than funding for Programs of National Significance (PNS), are eligible to apply. Current sponsors of Foster Grandparent projects funded by the Corporation are not eligible to apply for funding of a new Foster Grandparent project.

Info: Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525, Attn: Mr. John Keller, Phone: 202-606-5000 ext. 285, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-7112-filed

FR: 3/25 13609-13612

ENVIRONMENT

Scotts Company

Give Back to Grow Awards to Honor Community Gardeners

Program: Based on the belief that gardens create healthy communities, the Scotts Company, a supplier of products for lawn and garden care and professional horticulture, has launched its third annual Scotts Give Back to Grow Awards honoring individuals who give back to their communities through gardening. The awards are designed to celebrate gardening that increases community pride, adds beauty to the world, and helps maintain a healthy environment.

- ✓ *Scotts Classroom Gardener of the Year:* elementary through high school teachers who have incorporated gardening into their curriculums
- ✓ *Scotts Urban Greenup Gardener of the Year:* volunteers who have used gardening to address the challenges of an inner city neighborhood
- ✓ *Scotts Community Beautification Gardener of the Year:* salutes volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship through restoration and/or beautification of a main street, park, or neighborhood within their city limits, and in the process significantly contributed to community pride; and
- ✓ *Scotts Good Neighbor Gardener of the Year:* volunteers who participate in the Garden Writers Association of America's Plant a Row for the Hungry program.

Funds: Prizes total \$40,000. Each category will have a winner and a finalist. Each first place winner will receive \$5,000, and finalists will receive \$2,500.

Deadline: December 6, 2002.

Eligible: See above.

Info: Scotts Give Back to Grow, Phone: (800) 551-5971, Link: <http://www.scotts.com/community/Community.cfm>

Department Of Energy

For more information about the Funding Update, contact Michelle Kweder; 635-3817
or e-mail: michelle.kweder@ci.boston.ma.us. Also access the Funding Update on the City of Boston's
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Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- Program:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces a competitive solicitation for applications for grants and cooperative agreements for information dissemination, public outreach, training, and related technical analysis and technical assistance activities involving renewable energy and energy efficiency. It is estimated that funding of approximately \$1.2 million will be available for renewable energy programs and an additional \$3 million will be available for energy efficiency programs for awards under this solicitation in fiscal year 2002. Areas of interest involving renewable energy include wind, hydrogen and geothermal technologies. Energy efficiency areas of interest include energy efficiency in the transportation, buildings, and industrial sectors. The awards may be for a period of six months to three years. Proposals will be subject to the objective merit review procedures for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).
- Funds:** See above.
- Deadline:** Expected deadline is mid-May, 2002.
- Eligible:** Profit organizations, non-profit institutions and organizations, state and local governments, universities, individuals, Native American organizations, and Alaskan Native Corporations.
- Info:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services, Attention ME-642.1 (Larry Lansing or Tova Stein, EERE-2002), 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, e-mail: eere.grants@pr.doe.gov, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-7299.txt>
- FR:** 3/27 14705-14707

HEALTH

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Statewide System Capacity Building

- Program:** The Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program funds System Capacity-building Programs (previously called Institutional Capacity-building Programs) which are the subject of this RFR. They support local programs in their work to change social norms around tobacco use or provide tobacco control treatment services to tobacco users. Program activities include:
- ✓ Providing hands-on technical assistance and training to MTCP funded and other selected healthcare providers;
 - ✓ Developing workshops and full/multiple day training programs;
 - ✓ Educating constituencies about important tobacco control issues;
 - ✓ Reviewing and commenting on draft regulations and laws;
 - ✓ Analyzing national, state and local public policy initiatives and laws;
 - ✓ Preparing reports, white papers, manuals and other technical documents;
 - ✓ Providing expert testimony at public hearings;
 - ✓ Promoting competency in applying practice standards for tobacco treatment services.
- Agencies funded in the past have included a variety of nonprofit agencies. This RFR is directed to two subsets of System Capacity-building Programs that focus on 1) policy promotion and

enforcement activities; and 2) technical assistance provided to tobacco treatment services. These services have historically been provided primarily by trade associations, universities/law schools; voluntary organizations and specialist in women's health and addictions.

Funds: Total funds available: \$9,000,000.

Deadline: April 16, 2002.

Eligible: See above and RFR.

Info: Craig Ryder, Massachusetts Department of Public Health MTCP, 250 Washington Street Fourth Floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: (617) 624-5910, Fax: (617) 624-5922, Email: Craig.Ryder@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013036&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Substance Abuse Education, Assessment, and Referral Coordination for the Homeless in the Boston and MetroWest Regions

Program: The Bureau of Substance Services (BSAS) seeks proposals from qualified, licensed, experienced substance abuse vendors to provide Substance Abuse Education, Assessment, and Referral Coordination for the Homeless (SEARCH) within and around the shelter system for homeless individuals in the Boston and Metro West regions.

The SEARCH program is intended to increase access to and assist with the progression through the continuum of substance abuse services for the homeless and sheltered population in the Boston and Metro West area. This procurement will fund up to five (5) shelter based SEARCH worker positions for the targeted geographic areas. Applicants may submit proposals to develop either one or more of these positions, provided the services are programmatically linked through a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the designated shelters and Acute Treatment Services (ATS) which have designated beds for homeless individuals. The services funded through this initiative will support three primary goals. The first goal is to increase access to acute treatment services for homeless individuals referred from shelters. The second goal is to promote the client's investment in their recovery process for those homeless individuals who identify a desire to sustain a substance free lifestyle and to participate in the treatment planning process. The third goal is to enhance the health status and well being of the target population.

Funds: Total funds available: \$870,000.

Deadline: April 30, 2002.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Michael Cardoza, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617-624-5102, Fax: 617-624-5185, Email: michael.cardoza@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013207&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Comprehensive Statewide Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Services

Program: The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Family and Community Health (BFCH) intends to solicit proposals from qualified vendors to provide Comprehensive Statewide Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) services. These services will be designed to provide support to families who have experienced a SIDS death and to ensure that health professionals are educated and trained with the most accurate, up-to-date and culturally competent information. The selected contractor will also operate a statewide clearinghouse for information on SIDS; provide 24-hour access to information and crisis counseling; and refer parents and caregivers to community-based bereavement counselors. It is expected that the selected vendor will maintain links with state and national SIDS and other related organizations and collect pertinent Massachusetts SIDS data utilizing a standardized format.

Funds: Total funds available: \$375,000.

Deadline: April 29, 2002.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Donna Johnson, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617-624-6012, Fax: 617-624-6062, Email: donna.e.johnson@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013258&key_xx=

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health & Human Services

McKinney Emergency Shelter Grant

Program: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has developed the attached Request for Response for awarding its annual McKinney Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) allocation for Federal FY 2002 (State FY2003). An extremely competitive process is expected to result for the FFY02 allocation in the amount of \$2.245 million. The Commonwealth seeks to meet the objectives of the Emergency Shelter Grant program with these funds by prioritizing not only the provision of shelter benefits, but also for the prevention of homelessness and for the support of programs to transition the homeless population into permanent housing.

Funds: See above.

Deadline: April 26, 2002.

Eligible: See RFR. (Please note: Boston is an "entitlement community." All applications from providers in "entitlement communities must include an explicit statement of the unmet need that is not supported by municipal funding and why such support is not available.)

Info: Sandy Osgood, Executive Assistant, One Ashburton Place, Rm 1109, Boston, MA 02108 Phone: 617-727-7600, Fax: 617-727-1396, Email: Sandy.Osgood@State.MA.US, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013271&dept_code=&cp_xx=

JUSTICE

Massachusetts Department of Correction Reentry Program for Incarcerated Mothers

Program: The Massachusetts Department of Correction (Department) is seeking responses to provide comprehensive reentry services to female offenders and their families. In light of the unique needs of the female offender, the Department will be seeking responses for a female offender Community Resource Center and case management services. The program will serve female offenders releasing from Department facilities as well as those offenders under the supervision of Probation, the Office of Community Corrections, Parole or pre-release status in the Department or the Houses of Correction. The Community Resource Center shall provide direct service delivery, intensive case management and a strong community referral process.

The Community Resource Center will be located in a Department owned building in the town of Framingham, although case management services will be offered to females in any region of the state.

Funds: TBD.

Deadline: May 8, 2002.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Darcy C. Bens, Contract Manager, 50 Maple Street - Suite 3, Milford, MA 01757, Phone: 508-422-3314, Fax: 508-422-3383, Email: dcbens@doc.state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013176&dept_code=&cp_xx=

NONPROFITS & SOCIAL CHANGE

JC Penney

Grants for Nonprofits

Program: JC Penney makes contributions to organizations that fall within the following categories:

- ✓ Health & Welfare;
- ✓ Education;
- ✓ Civic Betterment;
- ✓ Arts & Culture.

Within these categories are specific targeted issues of concern to the Company, its employees and its customers. JC Penney gives preference to proposals for direct support of organizations that address these issues. Funding for other types of programs and projects is limited.

- ✓ Improvement of K through 12th grade education through curriculum-based after school care, with a priority on the JC Penney After school initiative;
- ✓ Support/promotion of associate volunteerism, primarily through the James Cash Penney Awards for Community Service;

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- ✓ United Way (most of JC Penney's support for health and welfare issues is contributed through local United Ways).

Deadline: Proposals are accepted year-round. Please provide as much lead-time as possible between the time of the request and the actual need for funding. The Company's fiscal year runs from February 1 to January 31.

Eligible: Nonprofits.

Info: JC Penney, Community Relations and Contributions Manager, P.O. Box 10001, Dallas, TX 75301-8101, Link: <http://www.jcpenney.net/company/commrel/guidelin.htm>

TECHNOLOGY

Boston Connects, Inc. (City of Boston/Boston Empowerment Zone)

Intergenerational Technology Education and Training in the Empowerment Zone

Program: A total of \$50,000 is available for providing up to 25 Empowerment Zone families with services to increase their knowledge of and experience with computer hardware and software. Qualified vendors must have experience providing instruction in PC set-up and maintenance, software installation, and usage of standard software applications. Services will be provided in an intergenerational setting emphasizing job-related skill building for adults and educational improvement for children.

Funds: Total funds available: \$50,000.

Deadline: April 19, 2002.

Eligible: Non-profits in the Empowerment Zone. (For details, please see the RFQ.)

Info: Lesley Cayton, Technology Coordinator, Boston Connects, Inc, Phone: 617-541-2682, Email: Lesley.Cayton.bci@ci.boston.ma.us

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Jobs and Community Services (a division of the BRA/EDIC) & the Boston Private Industry Council The Department of Transitional Assistance's Employment Services Program/Skills Training and Post-Placement Services

Program: Jobs and Community Services (a division of the BRA/EDIC) and the Boston Private Industry Council are issuing on April 3, 2002 a Request for Proposals (RFP) for skills training and post-placement services to be funded through an open and competitive procurement process under the Department of Transitional Assistance's Employment Services Program for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. All programs must serve TAFDC recipients who are 18 years of age and older and are Boston residents.

Funds: TBA.

Deadline: Letters of intent: April 8, 2002.
Proposals: May 2, 2002.

Info: The RFP will be available beginning April 3, 2002 at 12:00 noon at Jobs and Community Services Department, 43 Hawkins Street, Floor GA, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. A

Bidders Conference will be held at 2:30 p.m. April 5, 2002 in the BRA Board Room, Room 900, Boston City Hall; bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information please call Noreen Stack at (617) 918-5223.

YOUTH

Boston Connects, Inc. (City of Boston/Boston Empowerment Zone)

After-School Initiative

Program: Boston Connects, Inc. (BCI) invites proposals from after school programs located in the Empowerment Zone. BCI seeks to expand affordable seats for Empowerment Zone Families. Services will be available September 2002 – June 2003.

Funds: Total funds available: \$150,000.

Deadline: May 10, 2002

Eligible: Agencies located within the Empowerment Zone.

Info: Shirley Carrington, Phone: 617-541-2673

The RFP will be available Friday, April 5, 2002. At 2201 Washington St. Roxbury, MA or at www.bostonez.org

RECENT AWARDS

Carnegie Corporation Of New York

Program: X For their expanded high-quality, in-depth news coverage following the September 11 terrorist attacks: \$100,000 to WBUR Radio (Boston, MA).

Info: 437 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Phone: (212) 371-3200; Fax (212) 754-4073, Link: <http://www.carnegie.org>

Ford Foundation

Program: X To develop a work-family index to help evaluate American public policy on such issues as the availability of child care, elder care, and family leave: \$454,000 to Harvard U. (Cambridge, MA)

X To evaluate the third phase of the Workforce Innovation Networks Initiative: \$50,000 to Abt Associates (Cambridge, MA)

X To strengthen reproductive-health services in rural Tibet: \$100,000 to Tibetan Poverty Alleviation Fund (Cambridge, MA)

Info: 320 East 43rd Street, New York, New York 1001, Phone: (212) 573-5000, Link: <http://www.fordfound.org>

George Family Foundation

Program: X For George International Scholarships for students from developing countries: \$30,000 to Harvard Business School (Boston, MA)

X For the Building Early Learning Systems in the States collaborative project: \$400,000 over

two years to Institute for Civil Society (Newton, MA)
Info: 1818 Oliver Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405, Phone: (612) 377-8400, Link:
<http://www.fpadvisors.com>

Microsoft Corporation

Program: **X** To upgrade servers, to expand classes, and to offer more-advanced technology courses at its Computer Learning Centers: software valued at \$123,367 and \$15,000, respectively, to City of Boston--Boston Community Centers (Boston, MA)
 X For a program that enlists female students in the School of Engineering to speak to high-school girls nationwide about careers in mathematics and science: \$15,000 to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)

Info: Corporate Contributions 1 Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, Phone: (206) 936-8185, Link: <http://www.microsoft.com/giving>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Program: **X** To conduct research on public opinion regarding the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's priorities: \$103,550 to Harvard U. School of Public Health (Boston, MA);
 X For Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research: \$249,988 to U. of Washington, School of Public Health and Community Medicine (Seattle, Washington), \$242,990 to Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA);
 X To establish a model statewide family-support training program: \$81,641 to Friends of Children Trust Fund (Boston, MA);
 X For awards through the Innovators Combating Substance Abuse program: \$299,506 to Boston U., School of Public Health (Boston, MA).

Info: College Road East P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, New Jersey 08543, Phone: (609) 452-8701, Email: mail@rwjf.org, Link: <http://www.rwjf.org>

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Program: **X** For biomedical research projects: \$25,000 each to General Hospital Corporation to support the work of Nikos Soukos (Boston, MA)

Info: 437 Madison Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, New York 10022, Phone: (212) 812-4200; Fax: (212) 812-4299, Email: rock@rbf.org, Link: <http://www.rbf.org>